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REFS: (A) USNATO 2428, (B) STATE 42104, (C) USNATO 488

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1. THE REVISED TEXT OF SECTIONS A, B AND C OF PART II
(EUR/RPM HAS A COPY) SEEMS TO US TO BE A CLEAR IMPROVEMENT
OVER THE ORIGINAL VERSION (REF C). ROUGH EDGES AND INCON-
SISTENCIES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND WE BELIEVE GOOD PART OF
DEPARTMENT CONCERNS OVER DRAFT (REF B) HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.
FURTHERMORE, INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS ALSO CONSOLIDATED AND
REORGANIZED TEXT SOMEWHAT; THIS TOO IS AN IMPROVEMENT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT BASIC OR EXTENSIVE
CHANGES TO TEXT OF PART II ARE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.
FOR SECOND READING IN SPC ON MARCH 28, WE INTEND TO USE
REF B AS GUIDE TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE THOSE REMAINING
CHANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS THAT STILL REMAIN FROM FIRST
READING. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON COMMENTS
BE DIRECTED AT ASSISTING IN THIS PROCESS, FOCUSING ON
AREAS THAT STILL NEED MODIFYING ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF B.

3. WE STRESS AGAIN NEED TO TRANSMIT BOTH COMMENTS ON
PART II AND SUGGESTED TEXT FOR PART III WELL PRIOR TO
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MARCH 28 MEETING, MARCH 25 AT VERY LATEST, SO THAT DOCU-
MENTS MAY BE CIRCULATED FOR ALLIED CONSIDERATION.
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